

WEATHER FORECAST.
Cloudy to-day and to-morrow; light
east to southeast winds.
Highest temperature yesterday, 59; to-day, 57.
Detailed weather reports on last page.

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ONE CENT In Greater New York

Elsewhere
TWO CENTS

3 TEACHERS OUSTED; PLAN COURT FIGHT

Schmalhausen, Mufson and
Schneer Found Neutral
Toward U. S.

SCHOOL BOARD ACTS

De Witt Clinton Trio to Ask
for Writ to Reopen
the Case.

CHURCHILL IS DEFENDER

Schmalhausen Vote 24 to 10,
Mufson 26 to 8 and Schneer
30 to 5.

After a debate which lasted full three
hours, during which many bitter charges
were made against Dr. John L. Tidley,
and Chairman John Whalen of the in-
vestigating committee, the Board of Edu-
cation voted yesterday to dismiss from
public school service the three De Witt
Clinton teachers who have been under
charges of misconduct.

Reiteration was made by President
Wilcox and others during the session
that no accusation of disloyalty was
made against the teachers; rather, a
"neutral" attitude toward the Govern-
ment and its war policies. The teach-
ers announced shortly after the verdict
that they would appeal to the courts at
once for a writ of certiorari to reopen
the case.

On the roll call in the case of Samuel
L. Schmalhausen the board voted 24 to
10 to maintain the charges and dismiss
the teacher. The opposition dwindled
to two votes on the roll call in the case
of Thomas Mufson and Ernest J. Mil-
ner, and on the final vote A. H. Schneer
was found guilty by 30 to 5.

Churchill Leads Opposition.

The chief opposition during the stormy
session was made by these five board
members:

Thomas W. Churchill, former presi-
dent of the board; Dr. Ira S. Wills, Jo-
seph Handerson, James M. Levy, John
Martin, member from Richmond, and
the first vote Ernest F. Elbert, Mrs.
Mary B. Levy, Mrs. Ethel J. Quinn, Miss
Margaret W. Brown and Mrs. J. M. Mil-
ner with the opposition.

President Wilcox in opening the ses-
sion said that while no charge of disloy-
alty had been made against the teach-
ers, the question for decision was
whether the teachers may be trusted to
exert a positive influence in the class-
room to instill loyal support of the Amer-
ican Government in the prosecution of
the war.

"If there is any question about this
subject," he said, "the American Govern-
ment and the American people must
have the benefit of the doubt."

The methods by which evidence was
secured against the accused teachers,
the conduct of the hearing before the
investigating committee and the per-
sonal attitude of Superintendent Tidley
were attacked by the teachers' defenders,
chiefly Dr. Churchill.

"The most pitiable travesty upon
a trial that I have ever witnessed," he
exclaimed. "No reading of the testi-
mony would convince me that these men
were guilty. Any action of the board
that testimony to understand that it
was the desire to purge De Witt Clinton
of the iniquity that stimulated strikes,
and the less the questions of disloyalty
Mr. Whalen that led to these charges."
The investigating committee was de-
fended by Dr. Franklin H. Giddings of
Columbia University, Gen. George W.
Whelan and Arthur S. Somers, who
conducted the debate.

Schmalhausen's Quibbling Scored.

Mr. Somers scored Schmalhausen for
his "quibbling" on the stand when he
tried to explain his attitude toward
President Wilson and other constituted
authorities. He declared that Schmal-
hausen had slandered the President by
saying he was "unfriendly" toward the
United States. He said that Schmal-
hausen was of such mental calibre
that he was unfit to continue as a
teacher because he failed to rebuke the
classroom composition of one of his pu-
pils attacking President Wilson as a
murderer.

"I submit that we ought not to endure
this sort of thing," Mr. Somers ex-
claimed, throwing down the book of evi-
dence with deep disgust. "There are
some of us who have been brought up
in the old fashioned school who don't
live in permitting unbridled license of
this kind."

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Results of 42 Weeks of Ruthless U-Boat Warfare

Losses to British Shipping Alone.

Week	Ended	Tons.	Tons. T.L.
March 4	14	9
March 11	18	4
March 18	12	6
March 25	18	7
April 1	18	18
April 8	17	3
April 15	18	1
April 22	49	15
April 29	38	13
May 6	24	23
May 13	22	1
May 20	18	9
May 27	18	1
June 3	16	3
June 10	22	3
June 17	27	16
June 24	21	7
July 1	15	5
July 8	14	3
July 15	15	17
July 22	21	3
July 29	18	3
August 5	21	3
August 12	15	3
August 19	15	3
August 26	18	6
September 2	20	3
September 9	13	3
September 16	13	20
September 23	13	3
September 30	11	2
October 7	14	2
October 14	14	18
October 21	17	8
October 28	14	4
November 4	4	13
November 11	1	1
November 18	19	7
November 25	14	7
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December 16	14	3
Grand totals	794	239
Average number of British mer-		
chandise ships sunk weekly	15.3	
Average number over 1,000 tons		
sunk weekly	16.75	

BRITISH LOSE 17 SHIPS IN WEEK

Despite Activity of U-Boats
the Toll Shows a Slight
Decrease in Total.

ONLY 1 FRENCHMAN SUNK

Vessel Attacked by Submarine
Escapes, Is Report
From Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Fourteen British
merchandise ships of more than 1,600 tons
and three under that tonnage were sunk
by mines or submarine during the last
week, according to the Admiralty state-
ment to-night. One fishing vessel also
was sunk.

The shipping losses by mine or subma-
rine in the last week are slightly less
than those of the previous week, when
fourteen vessels of more than 1,600 tons
and seven under that tonnage were de-
stroyed.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The losses to French
shipping by mine or submarine for the
week ended December 15 were exceed-
ingly light. Only one vessel under 1,600
tons was sunk, and none over 1,600 tons.
One ship was attacked, but escaped. No
fishing craft was sunk.

U-BOAT SINKS CRUISER.

Submarine Destroyed After Torpe-
doing Old French Warship.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The old French
cruiser Chateau Renault, employed as a
transport, was torpedoed and sunk in
a despatch from Brest to the Es-
timate. The ship was torpedoed on the
Mediterranean on the morning of
December 14 and the submarine which
attacked her was later destroyed, ac-
cording to announcement made to-night
by the French Minister of Marine.

The passengers on the Chateau Ren-
nault, all of whom were either soldiers
or officers, were saved. Ten members
of the crew were lost.

The Chateau Renault was laid down
in 1896. She was 412 feet long, with
a beam of 56.5 feet and displaced 7,936
tons. Her complement before the war
was 600 men. Besides being used as a
cruiser formerly the Chateau Renault
had been fitted as a mine layer.

SPANISH VESSEL SUNK.

Torpedoed Without Warning and
French Patrols Rescue Crew.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The torpedoing by
a submarine of the Spanish steamship
November, 3,654 tons gross, is reported
in a despatch from Brest to the Es-
timate. The ship was torpedoed on the
Mediterranean on the morning of
December 14. Thirty of the crew have
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ARRIVES FROM CUBA

But He Goes to Quarantine

While Magician Mourns.

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an American port aboard an American
steamer, and which was held up and
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HYLIAN QUERIES WOODS ABOUT SOLDIER POLICE

Mayor-elect Believes He
Should Be Consulted
About Enlistments.

WANTS SPECIFIC DETAILS

In Urging Speedy Construc-
tion of Schools He Favors
Reinforced Concrete.

The fact that part of the New York
police force is being federalized for the
safeguarding of the water front and
other war purposes caused Mayor-elect
Hyman H. Ladd to write a rather sharp letter to
Police Commissioner Woods yesterday.
Police Hyman thinks he ought to have
been consulted before policemen were
allowed to enlist under the conditions as
reported to him. He asks for specific
information, which Mr. Woods will give
him to-day.

"Last summer, when the draft began,"
the Mayor-elect wrote, "you, as Commis-
sioner of Police, protested to the Provost
Marshal General against the drafting of
members of the New York police force
on the ground that every member of that
force was necessary in order that the
city might be properly prepared against
emergency, that might arise during the
course of the present war."

"Now it is reported that you are en-
couraging members of the police force to
enlist in a branch of the national service
that is to be formed to protect the water-
front and to detective work. It is re-
ported you are offering as inducements
to enlist in such a branch of the service
as enlist and the promise that they will
receive from the city the difference be-
tween their pay in the national service
and their salaries as policemen."

Puts Three Questions.

"In view of the fact that within a fort-
night I will be responsible for the main-
tenance of law and order in this city,
should I not have been consulted about
this step with reference to police affairs?"

"Will you kindly advise me:

"First—As to the number of policemen
who have enlisted in the national ser-
vice?"

"Second—As to what inducements have
been given officers to enlist?"

"Third—As to the proposed control of
this force, whether by any officers or by
men who are now or have recently been
officers or civilian appointees in the Po-
lice Department?"

"In order that I may be properly in-
formed as to what conditions I will have
to meet when I take office, I would ap-
preciate full information on these points."

Commissioner Woods said last night:
"I will reply to Judge Hyman's letter and
answer all his questions as soon as I
can. I will do so to-morrow morning and
have the figures before me. As to the
report that a waterfront branch of the
national service is being organized, I
should like to know what I have told
others—that I know nothing about it
except what I have read in the news-
papers."

Forty-five Men Exceeded.

Under the arrangement between Mayor
Mitchell and the Police Commissioner
last year, no more than 45 men of the
national service has been denied police-
men who were not subject to the first
draft call. An exception was recently
made in the case of forty-five men
whose enlistment was urgently requested
by Secretary of War Baker. This de-
parture from the rule was approved by
Police Commissioner Woods.

Under the Fenner law passed by the
Legislature last winter the city is com-
pelled to employ no more than 45 men
of the national service. The difference
between his city and his national salary
is apparently this is the "inducement."
The Fenner law is also mentioned.

Speeding school construction was the
subject of a letter sent by the Mayor-
elect to C. H. Snyder, Superintendent
of School Buildings for the Board of Ed-
ucation.

The Information I get," the letter

says, "is that some of the new school
buildings have been the subject of ex-
traordinary delay."

Delay of Year and a Half.

Although money for Public School No.
23, a Hickory street, was granted a year
and a half ago, the contract is
is only now ready for advertising. Judge
Hyman points out. Nearly a year was
spent in planning for an addition to a
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NEW PORTFOLIO OF MUNITIONS

Present U. S. War Depart-
ment to Devote Attention
to Military Problems.

PLAN ADOPTED ABROAD

Investigation Now in Progress
Expected to Bring Mat-
ter to Head.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—There is a
growing disposition among the mem-
bers of the Senate Committee on Mil-
itary Affairs to favor the creation of a
new department of the executive branch
of the Government to deal with the
manufacture and movement of munitions
and arms. Similar action has been
forced upon practically every other
nation now engaged in the war. It has
developed in the four years of fighting
that there is necessity for the separation
of the War Office from the industrial
bureau or department dealing with the
ordnance supplies. France has tried it
with success and so has Great Britain.

Senator Weeks (Mass.) is the first
announced convert to the idea of sepa-
rating the War Department into two
divisions each of Cabinet status. He
has expressed himself as convinced that
such a change is necessary.

The War Department he thinks
should handle the exclusively military
problems of the war and deal with the
personnel of the service and the fighting.
The munitions department would be a
significant supply department dealing with
the industrial situation almost exclu-
sively and with the commercial aspect
of the making of war.

Chairman Chamberlain of the Mil-
itary Affairs Committee is not ready
to accept Mr. Weeks' plan. He admitted
that the subject interested him greatly
and that he had been inclined to the
belief that perhaps the work of
fighting and the work of making
the same time had grown to proportions
sufficient to warrant the creation of a
special department to deal with the lat-
ter function.

Other members of the committee have
similarly interested themselves in the
general proposition, but opinion had
not yet crystallized. It was expected
that the actual movement for a separation
can be inaugurated. The present in-
vestigation of the War Department and
its methods in handling America's pre-
sent problems is expected to bring about
a more definitive consideration and pos-
sible action.

PLAN CZECH-SLOVAK LEGION.

Men Rush to France to Join New
Organization.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Arrival in
France of hundreds of Czechs and Slo-
vaks from the United States to join a
Czech-Slovak Legion, which will fight
with the allies, was announced to-day
by the official dispatches of the French
bureau of ordnance.

"The Admiral wanted to know how
many of the legionnaires we could make,"
said Stoddard. "He said that he had
no appropriation and did not know
whether he would get any, but he would
be glad to have them."

Stoddard said that he had been
told that the legionnaires would be
sent to the front and that he would
be glad to have them. He said that he
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8 YEARS FOR SAN JUAN EDITOR.

Four Distinct Articles Also Will

Cost Porto Rican \$4,000 Fine.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 19.—Vin-
cente Balboa, editor of the *Revista de
Autilla*, who was found guilty recently
by a jury in the United States District
Court on four out of five charges in
connection with the publication of a
newspaper, was sentenced to-day to
eight years imprisonment and a fine of
\$4,000—two years and \$1,000 on each
of the four counts.

The court ordered Balboa sent to the

prison at Atlanta. He will be the first

Federal prisoner ever sent to prison out-

side the island.

TURKS DESPOILED

HOLY SEPULCHRE

Brutally Mistreated Christian

Priests at Jerusalem.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—An official
dispatch received here to-day from
France says that the Turks before sur-
rendering Jerusalem to the British
brutally mistreated Christian priests,
carried off the famous treasure of the
Church of the Holy Sepulchre, valued at
millions of dollars, and sent to Berlin
the church's celebrated treasury of
brilliant.

M. Camasse, the Patriarch of Jeru-
salem, is said to have been deprived of
his office, and Father Piccolo, an
Italian priest, to have died from the
effects of Turkish brutality.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was
consecrated in the year 336 on the tradi-
tional spot where Christ rose from the
dead. In the year 414 the buildings
comprising the church were destroyed
by the Persians. The original building
was in the form of a rotunda, the shape
of which survives in the existing con-
fused structure, which assumed various
forms in the course of rebuilding during
the middle ages. The edifice was badly
damaged by fire in 1597.

The Greeks continued to secure to
themselves the principal right to the
buildings, and with the Armenians con-
tributed most of the money for the re-
construction of the church. The dilapidated
state, beneath which the sepulchre is
situated, was restored by architects of
various nationalities in 1688 as the re-
sult of an agreement made with Turkey
by France and Russia.

Pope Sends Letter on Jerusalem.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Dec. 19.—The Pope has sent a
communication to all the Bishops of the
Roman Catholic Church in the world
with reference to the liberation of Jeru-
salem.

Eight Soldiers Hurt in Smashup.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 19.—Eight sol-
diers were injured shortly after mid-
night when two Washington, Baltimore
and Annapolis Railway trains met in
collision near Baltimore Highlands. The
injured were brought on special trains
to a hospital here.

U. S. TO INVESTIGATE BEEF TRUST; FOOD CONTROL COMBINE CHARGED; 6 FEDERAL PROBES NOW UNDER WAY

SAYS GUN OFFER
WAS IGNORED

IN COMMISSION

Arms Company Could Not In-
terest Ordnance Bureau,
Says Official.

PARLEYED OVER MAKE

Senate Committee Gets Facts

Bearing on Delay in

Preparedness.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Unwillingness
on the part of high officials of the Gov-
ernment to admit that the United States
during February and March of the year
was driving straight toward the mal-
strom of war is the responsible factor
in figuring out the delays incident to
equipping the American overseas force.

This was brought out before the Com-
mittee on Military Affairs of the Senate
to-day when Louis E. Stoddard, vice-
president of the Marlin Rockwell Rifle
Corporation, was on the stand. His tes-
timony dealt with the shortage of ma-
chine guns, the most marked deficiency
from which the American forces at the
moment are suffering.

Mr. Stoddard related that early in
March his